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SUBJECT: MEETING OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND SECRETARY
VANCE WITH UNGA PRESIDENT MOJSOV, MAY 24 (THIS TELEGRAM
HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT)

FOLLOWING IS UNCLEARED MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION THAT VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE AND SECRETARY VANCE HELD ON MAY 24 WITH
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT LAZAR MOJSOV OF YUGOSLAVIA.

1. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND SECRETARY VANCE CALLED ON
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT LAZAR MOJSOV OF YUGOSLAVIA
AT 12:15 PM ON MAY 24 TO DISCUSS THE GA SPECIAL SESSION
ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) AT WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE
MAKING THE US GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH LATER IN THE DAY.
THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY AMB YOUNG AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MAYNES (IO). MISOFF B.J. JONES WAS PRESENT AS NOTETAKER.

2. PRESIDENT MOJSOV NOTED SSOD WAS FIRST CONFERENCE OF ITS
KIND - A HISTORIC SESSION. THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID THE US
LOOKED FORWARD TO MOJSOV'S LEADERSHIP OF THE SESSION. HE
EXPLAINED THAT THE SPEECH HE WOULD BE DELIVERING IN THE
AFTERNOON ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CARTER WAS SERIOUS AND
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WOULD DEAL WITH PRACTICAL STEPS. WE VIEWED THIS, HOWEVER,
NOT JUST AS A STATEMENT OF VIEWS BUT AS PART OF A PROCESS
FOR ADVANCING ARMS CONTROL MEASURES IN BOTH THE STRATEGIC
AND CONVENTIONAL FIELDS. HE SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE THAT A
SIMILAR CONFERENCE BE HELD IN A FEW YEARS, PERHAPS IN 1981,
SO THAT THERE COULD BE A CONTINUING UP-DATE, SIMILAR TO
THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP TO THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE.

3. MOJSOV WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION FOR ANOTHER CONFERENCE. HE NOTED THERE WERE SEVERAL IDEAS ALREADY BEING CONSIDERED ALONG THESE LINES: 1) ANOTHER SSOD IN THREE OR FOUR YEARS; 2) A REGULAR ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEM EACH YEAR ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SSOD DECISIONS, WITH THE OBJECT OF DEVELOPING NEW IDEAS AND HAVING A RENEWED DISARMAMENT EFFORT EACH YEAR; 3) A UN BODY FOR COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF ARMS CONTROL, E.G. REACTIVATING THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION OR CONVERTING THE FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY INTO A BODY FOR CONSIDERATION OF DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS ONLY, WITH OTHER ISSUES REFERRED TO OTHER COMMITTEES. SINCE THE GA HAD NO INTERSESSIONAL BODIES, HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THAT IN ORDER NOT TO VIOLATE GA PROCEDURES A NEW BODY WAS NEEDED.

4. SECRETARY VANCE WONDERED HOW THESE IDEAS WOULD FIT WITH THE CCD. MOJSOV RESPONDED THAT THE CCD IS A VERY USEFUL NEGOTIATING BODY THAT SHOULD BE EXPERT AND MORE RESTRICTED IN MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING ONLY THOSE MOST INTERESTED IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE NOW MANY IDEAS ABOUT LINKING THE CCD MORE CLOSELY TO THE UN, ADDING MEMBERS, ETC. IF SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES WERE DONE MOJSOV THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SSOD. HE COMPARED THE SITUATION TO THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, WHICH HAD PRODUCED A VERY GOOD FINAL DOCU-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT BUT HAD FAILED IN NOT CREATING A VEHICLE FOR REVIEW-ING ITS IMPLEMENTATION. THE GENERAL STATEMENT ABOUT MEETING AGAIN IN TWO YEARS HAD SAID NOTHING ABOUT SUCH MATTERS AS AGENDA, PREPARATIONS AND OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS. THE ATMOSPHERE CHANGED IN THE MEANTIME AND WHEN THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE MET MUCH TIME WAS TAKEN UP ON THESE QUESTIONS. THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN WITH THE SSOD IF THERE IS NO VEHICLE FOR FURTHERING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THEREFORE IN HIS VIEW THE MAIN RESULT SHOULD BE THE BODY THAT WOULD REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION.

5. WHEN SECRETARY VANCE ASKED IF A "MODERNIZED" CCD COULD DO THIS, MOJSOV REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. HE NOTED SEVERAL IDEAS UNDER DISCUSSION, INCLUDING A CHANGE IN THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AND INCLUSION OF FRANCE AND CHINA. HE THOUGHT A POSSIBLE FORMULA FOR THE LATTER MIGHT BE TO INCLUDE ALL PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, OR POSSIBLY ALL SC MEMBERS, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A ROTATION IN CCD MEMBERSHIP AS CHANGES OCCURRED IN NON-PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP OF SC. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE LATTER IDEA SINCE THIS

FORMULA MIGHT NOT PROVIDE THE CCD WITH THE EXPERTISE HE AGREED IT NEEDED. PROVIDING FOR ALL PERMANENT SC MEMBERS TO BE ON THE CCD, HOWEVER, WAS A GOOD IDEA IN HIS VIEW. MOJSOV POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD ALSO BRING THE SC INTO THE PICTURE IN LINE WITH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD.

6. THE SECRETARY INQUIRED ABOUT MOJSOV'S VIEWS ON THE CONSENSUS PROCEDURE IN THE CCD. THE SECRETARY THOUGHT

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THIS PROCEDURE WAS ESSENTIAL. MOJSOV AGREED THAT IT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND OBSERVED THAT EVEN IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THERE WAS A TENDENCY TOWARD USE OF CONSENSUS FOR DECISION-MAKING. HE THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD THING.

7. AMB YOUNG REMARKED ON MOJSOV'S UN EXPERIENCE AND NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOW THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY SESSION OVER WHICH HE HAS PRESIDED. MOJSOV THOUGHT THERE COULD BE A NEW PATTERN - THERE WOULD BE A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IN 1980 ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ASSEMBLY APPROVAL WAS REQUIRED FOR THE FINANCING OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. HE THOUGHT THE GA SHOULD ADAPT ITS PROCEDURES TO THIS PATTERN. THE VICE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTION MOJSOV'S NATION WAS MAKING IN THE UN, AND THE SECRETARY AND AMB YOUNG COMMENDED MOJSOV ON HIS CONDUCT OF THE LAST GA SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH THEY THOUGHT HAD GONE VERY WELL. MOJSOV CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT HIS WORK OFTEN BEGAN WHEN HE LEFT THE PODIUM, AS IT WAS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO SPEND MANY HOURS NEGOTIATING MATTERS BEHIND THE SCENES.

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